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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

Objections To Claims

Claims 1-8 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(a) for the following reason:

In claim 1 and related dependent claims 2-8, "a tube connecting flap to a source of cooling air" (claim 1, line 2) contains a grammatical error in the form of a missing article, "a" or "the", preceding the term "flap".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 102

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Maier.

The claimed nozzle cooling system reads on prior art nozzle apparatus of the type disclosed by Maier. See Maier's Figure 2 and note crossover tubes 30 for supplying cooling air to flaps 26 of jet engine nozzle 10. See also the tube details in Figures 3-10 and note that the tubes comprise telescoping sections 36 and 38 with ball joints 32 and 65 attached to the respective section ends.

With regard to claim 10, the statement that the telescopic portion "acts as a pump" merely describes a desired result. If applicants' broadly claimed telescoping structure is presumed capable of producing such a result, then the equivalent prior art structure can be presumed equally capable.

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With respect to claim 6, it is additionally pointed out that Maier's cooling air is engines fan air (col. 1, lines 28-34), and fan air constitutes a secondary air flow as required by the claim.

Additional References

Nash et al and Hauer et al are cited as disclosing further examples of nozzle flap cooling systems.



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If repeated attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the art unit supervisor, Timothy Thorpe, can be reached at 571-272-4444.

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